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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" This relates to a particular incident within the jurisdiction of the Avadiyarkovil police station. I do not know to what area the hon. Member is referring. I do not find anything on record to show that any complaint was received against the Revenue Divisional Officer."

Civic amenities for Chalisseri area

* 2051 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received from the President, Public Welfare Association, Chalisseri, Ponnani taluk, a memorandum addressed to the Chief Minister, dated 18th December 1954, regarding the need for a hospital, High school, bus service, National Extension Service, etc., in Chalisseri area; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) The action taken is indicated in the statement [a] placed on the table of the House."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" The summary of the long statement placed on the table of the House is that the Government have washed off their hands by sending the various portions to the various departments under their charge. But the approach to the Government is made only after exhausting all remedies of communication with the departments. Will the Government in such cases take it more seriously and at least pursue how the matter referred to the various departments is progressing so that something may be done? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I may tell the hon. Member that the Government do comprise the various departments also. With all the seriousness that the Government could have, they are taking up this matter only through the various departments to see whatever could be done with reference to the various requests of these people."

8-40 a.m. SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE :—" Sir, may I know whether the Government have directed or instructed the departments concerned to take immediate action in the matters represented by the Village Welfare Committee? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Yes, Sir. That is so."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" One of them is the West Coast Road which up to 1st April 1955 was subsidized half by Central grant and half by this Government. It has been referred to in the Central Assembly that there has been slackness on the

(*a*) Printed as Appendix I on page 928 infra.

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part of this Government in the matter of these roads. Will the Government see that these things are done more expeditiously at least hereafter when the whole grant is made by the Central Government? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, I cannot admit that there has been any slackness on the part of the Madras Government in this matter and for further information, I would request the hon. Member to put a separate question to my Colleague the Minister in charge of Public Works."

Licences issued under the Drugs Control Order

* 2052 *Q.*—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many licences for sale of tinctures have been issued under the Drugs Control Order in the Malabar district;

(*b*) the conditions laid down by Government for the issue of a licence to a person;

(*c*) how many years' standing as Chemist is insisted upon before the issue of the licence to a dealer under the Drugs Control Order;

(*d*) whether any representations have been received by the Government about any lacunae in the existing forms of licences for sale of tinctures; and

(*e*) if so, whether any modifications have been effected or are contemplated in regard to the conditions of licences?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) *to* (*e*) A statement [a] is placed on the table of the House."

Number of pattas held by a single person

* 2053 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the maximum number of 'pattas' held by a single person in the Malabar district; and

(*b*) the total assessment under them?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The maximum number of 'pattas' held by a single person in the Malabar district is 966 and the total assessment under them is Rs. 21,180–4–0."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Sir, whenever an agrarian question relating to Malabar is taken up, it is always represented that there are more than 4 lakhs of pattas in Malabar to show

(*a*) Printed as Appendix II on pages 929–930 infra.